are authorized to employ all such officers, agents or employees as in their opinion are necessary for the proper operation, upkeep and maintenance of the water and sewer systems of such districts and shall have power to fix reasonable compen- Compensation. sation of all such officers, employees and agents so appointed. Said compensation to be paid out of the local tax to be levied for maintenance under the provisions of act or acts under which the said districts are created.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with Conflicting laws this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1929.

CHAPTER 178

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS OF BURKE COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS TO FUND INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID COUNTY IN-CURRED PRIOR TO 1927 IN PROVIDING BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR MAINTAINING A SIX MONTHS' SCHOOL TERM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SAID BONDS.

Whereas, the finance committee appointed by the present Preamble. board of county commissioners of Burke County has found and ascertained that the outstanding indebtedness of said county incurred prior to the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven amounts to one hundred and twenty-thousand (\$120,000,00) dollars, which has been and is being carried by the said county on short term notes at a high rate of interest, and

Whereas, in the budget of the county for the present fiscal year no provision has been made for the payment of the said debt, and

Whereas, the finance committee of said county has recemmended that funding bonds be issued to take care of the same at a lower rate of interest than is now being paid; now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any laws, either general or special, the board of county commissioners of Burke County is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the county in an amount not to exceed one hundred and twenty thousand (\$120,000) dollars to fund obligations heretofore issued by Burke County to pay the cost of providing buildings and equip-

School funding bonds in sum of \$120,000 authorized in Burke